

the 27th of July last to the 18th of November instant, £. 406,416 48 6½, for all which payments have been produced to your committee the necessary vouchers and receipts; and that there remains in his hands belonging to this state the sum of £. 22,218 9 2¼ currency.

Your committee have examined the accounts of Henry Dickinson, treasurer of the eastern shore, and find by an account settled the 3d of August last, there was a balance of £. 40,501 17 7½ currency remaining in his hands.

That it appears to your committee, by the account of said treasurer, he hath received on loan, for which state certificates have been issued, the sum of £. 507 12 6.

Your committee find, that the said treasurer hath paid away, for interest on state loan-office certificates £. 277 5 5. It also appears to your committee, that said treasurer hath paid away, including his salary to the 8th of November, 1779, the sum of £. 35,872 18 3; for all which sums have been produced to your committee the necessary vouchers and receipts; and that there remains in his hands a balance of £. 4,859 6 5½ belonging to this state.

All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

Signed per order com.

W. H. M'PHERSON, cl.

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Ward brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a petition of the vestry of St. Stephen's parish, in Cæcil county; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Alexander delivers to Mr. Speaker a memorial of the vestry of St. Paul's parish, in Baltimore county, praying an act may pass, empowering them to exchange lands with Thomas Harrison; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. M'Mechin delivers to Mr. Speaker a petition of Thomas Harrison, of Baltimore-town, praying an act may pass, empowering him to exchange lands with the above vestry; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill for regulating the staple of tobacco. ORDERED, That Mr. Key, Mr. Sprigg, Mr. Craufurd, Mr. J. Henry, and Mr. J. Hanson, do prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to enable the justices of Frederick and Montgomery counties to assess a sum of money sufficient to defray the expences of the commissioners in dividing Frederick county. ORDERED, That Mr. Bayly, Mr. Beatty, Mr. Wootton, Mr. Cramphin, and Mr. J. Hanson, do prepare and bring in the same.

The bill, entitled, An act relating to the county courts of Caroline county, was read the second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by Mr. Driver and Mr. M'Bride.

The proceedings of the commissioners from the several states of New-Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode-Island and Providence plantations, Connecticut, and New-York, held at Hartford on the 20th of October, 1779; and the letter from William Livingston, president, and Caleb Camp, speaker of the house of assembly of New-Jersey, dated Trenton, September 29, 1779; referred to Mr. J. Hanson, Mr. Sprigg, Mr. Chase, Mr. J. Henry, Mr. J. Hall, Mr. W. Stevenson, and Mr. Fitzhugh, who are appointed a committee to consider and report on the same.

On further consideration of the petition of William Whetcroft, RESOLVED, That leave be given to the petitioner to bring in a bill to ratify and confirm the contract made between Edward Dorsey and Samuel Dorsey in his life time, as ascertained by Henry Griffith and William Hammond in their award, and to direct the said Edward Dorsey to execute a lease for the premises to the said William Whetcroft, his executors, administrators, and assigns, for the term of ninety-nine years, renewable for ever, with covenants for the payment of an annual rent of twenty-eight pounds common money, in Spanish dollars at seven shillings and six-pence each, Spanish pistoles at twenty-seven shillings and six-pence each, English guineas at thirty-five shillings each, or gold at five shillings and six-pence a pennyweight, to the said Edward Dorsey, his executors, administrators, or assigns, and that the said William Whetcroft, his executors, administrators, or assigns, will not at any time use and work his sitting mill to the prejudice of the forge or grist mill of the said Edward Dorsey.

Upon a second reading of the report from the committee appointed to consider and report the most effectual and proper ways and means to comply with the requisition of congress of the 6th of October last, the question was put, That the sum proposed to be raised be by four assessments? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Deye.

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Reed,	Williams,	Banning,	M'Gee,	Chaille,	Wootton,
Key,	Winder,	Johns,	Smoot,	Holland,	M'Mechin,
Mackall,	Dashell,	Birkhead,	Eccleston,	Dennis,	Alexander,
Lehrbury,	Ward,	Quynn,	Driver,	J. Hanson,	Barnes,
Maccubbin,	E. Hall,	Chase,	M'Bride,	Beatty,	Sprigg,
Smith,	Dent,	J. Henry,	Dalpin,	Bayly,	

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